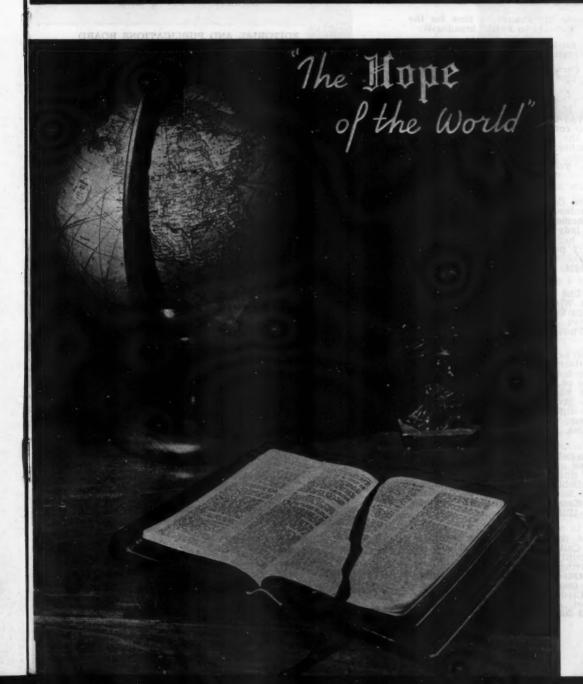
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We have resigned our pastorate in Tecumseh, Michigan, and have again entered the full-time evangelistic work. Those desiring to contact my wife and me may do so at the following address and tele-phone number: Winfred A. and Dorothy L. Petty, Route 2, Ridge Rail Road, Soddy, Tennessee. Telephone number: EDgewood

Sister Sue Cooper, who is a widow of 77 and a member of the Church of God owns her own home and would like to have a Christian lady near her age to come and live with her as a companion, sharing expenses if possible. Contact her at 906 North Ohio Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, Phone 3-2824.

I would like to buy a cabin on the campground in Wimauma, Florida, I will pay cash for it. Contact me at the following address: Rev. J. W. Phillips, P. O. Box 192, Alachua, Florida.

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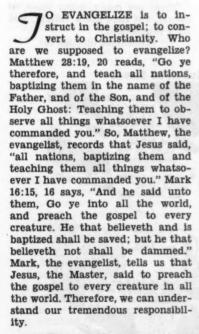
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Evangelistic Preaching and Altar Appeal

Or Spreading the True Gospel and Inviting the Unsaved to Accept Jesus Christ as Their Personal Saviour.

> By EARL P. PAULK Assistant General Overseer



The Reasons for Preaching the Gospel?

FIRST, WE MUST preach because Jesus commanded us to do so, and only those who keep His commandments shall enter through the gates into the city of God (Revelation 22:14). Therefre, Paul said, "Woe is unto me,

if I preach not the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:16), for it is only through and by the gospel that people are saved. Romans 10:13, 14 states, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Yes, people must be convicted through the preaching of the Word, and they are begotten to an eternal hope through the preaching of the Word. 1 Corinthians 4:15 says, "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." The Apostle Peter adds, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23). Yes, it is by the preaching of the living and powerful Word of God that people are born again. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). If the minister will promptly preach



the unadulterated Word of God, it will do all the necessary cutting and convicting and will accomplish great and mighty things in the salvation of the lost. Isaiah 55:11 promises, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." God is pleased for all to be saved.

Method of Preaching

BY ALL MEANS the Word should be preached in simplicity and with godly sincerity. "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation" (2 Corinthians 1:12). Now what does the great Apostle say? He said in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly words of wisdom or big words for show, for the simple Word of God is sufficient. Paul said to the church at Corinth, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:1-5). We all know that Paul could have used big, flattery, hard-to-be-understood words, but he said, "No!" Rather, he used simple words accompanied by and with the power of God in sincerity, so that their faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God

It would be good if all ministers would remember Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," as well as what the Apostle Peter said in 2 Peter 1:21, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Then again Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12:3, "Wherefore I give you to understand, . . that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." Brother, it is not by a show of big sounding or flowery words of ours that will do the work, but rather the simple Word of God being preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. One of the most successful evangelists I ever knew, preached with the simplest words I ever heard. He would read two or three Scriptures and then comment for about fifteen or twenty minutes, never more. People by the scores would come running to the altar for salvation. God never failed him. He won thousands of souls to God and for his church. What was the secret? It was the preaching of God's Word in simplicity with godly sincerity under the anointing of the Spirit. Does God have any respect of persons? No! He will do for us the same today if we will meet the same conditions.

Appropriate Scriptures

FANTASTIC OR spectacular subjects will not necessarily do the job, but rather an appropriate Scripture or text with a short message in all fervency and

earnestness. Here are some suggested texts:

Amos 4:12, "Prepare to meet thy God."

Isaiah 55:6, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."

Genesis 6:3, "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man."

Proverbs 29:1, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

Ecclesiastes 11:9, "But know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

Ecclesiasties 12:5, "Because man goeth to his long home [eternity], and the mourners go about the streets."

Ecclesiastes 12:14, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Job 7:6, "My days are swifter

than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope."

Hebrews 9:22, "And without shedding of blood is no remission."

Revelation 1:5, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

Joshua 24:15, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve."

Revelation 20:15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

There are many, many more, of course, but here are a variety, just as a suggestion.

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NOTED CINCINNATI surgeon, Dr. Reed Shank, collapsed in the U.S. Stadium during a game. Later newspaper headlines read "Revival Effort Fails." Finney said, "Anybody can have a revival anywhere, any time he wants to, but there are laws to be followed."

REVIVAL PREPARA-TION DEMANDS A PUBLIC AP-PROACH. We must ADVERTISE. Every available means of advertising should be used. Newspaper ads, spot radio announcements, television displays and plugs, handbills, placards, and big signs in front of the church should inform the community of the coming revival far in advance. We must ANNOUNCE. The pastor should announce the coming revival every service and ask for special prayer for its success. Letters should be sent out to all church members and friends announcing the revival. Telephone teams should inform each Sunday School pupil of the coming campaign. We must have ACTIVITY. Every member and friend of the church should be a "committee of one" telling everyone he can about the coming revival. The Sunday School visitation teams should especially emphasize the revival.

REVIVAL PREPARA-TION DEMANDS A PULPIT AP-PROACH. The PREACHER must be ready. The pastor must lead his people into revival. His consecration, spirit of prayer, passion for souls, love for the lost and dedication to service must set the example for them. He must have revival in his heart before he can lead his people into it. No church will rise higher than its leadership. John Wesley's sister described him as "out of breath seeking souls." The PREACHING must be ready. The pastoral preaching should condition the hearts of the people for the coming revival. He could preach on such subjects as "Revival-What It Is," "Revival-Our Need of It," "Revival-Results," "Spirit of Prayer," "Consecration and Dedication," "Our Burden for the Lost," and "Stewardship." Such nointed preaching will prepare the

people for revival. Lost souls must be born again "by the Word of God." One of D. L. Moody's biographers was amazed that the first 8 or 9 days of his revivals he would preach to the Christians. He laid the burden for soul-winning on their hearts and taught them to pray. He prepared them for revival. This the pastor should do. The PEOPLE must be ready. When the preacher and his preaching are full of revival, revival is sure to come to the people. In Oliver Cromwell's time in England, his men searched the churches to find metal to make new government coins. All they could find was the statues of saints in cathedrals. Cromwell replied, "Good! Bring them in." Let's melt down the saints and put them in circulation."

REVIVAL PREPARA-TION DEMANDS A PEW AP-PROACH. Our people must READ. The Communists, Catholics, and cults are flooding the world with printed matter and winning millions. In times past, we have neglected this power of the printed page. Besides the Bible, our people should read books on soul-winning and revival. Church members should read such books as Personal Soul Winning, by William Evans; Ye Shall Be Witnesses, by D. V. Hurst; The Art of Soul Winning, by M. W. Downey; Techniques of Torch-Bearing, by E. J. Daniels; The Consuming Fire, by Oswald J. Smith: True Evangelism, by Lewis S. Chafer: Operation Evangelism. by Horace F. Dean; and We Can Have Revival Now, by John R. Rice. Besides these, there are books on great revivals of the past that inspire consecration. Good reading paves the way for revival. Our people must REDEDICATE. Church members should make a new dedication of their lives to God. Family altars should be re-established: Bible reading should become a daily routine; attendance at God's house must not be neglected; a passion for the lost must possess us, a spirit of prayer should revolutionize our consecration; and a new vision should make us greater witnesses for Christ than we have (Continued on page 11)

PRE-REVIVAL

EVANGELISM

By L. LUTHER TURNER Pastor, Detroit, Michigan

Note of the Add to be a different

"Revive me" (Psalm 138:7).

"Revive us" (Psalm 85:6).

"Revive thy work" (Habakkuk 3:2).

Crusade to Conserve

By DOYLE STANFIELD Pastor, Akron, Ohio

HY DO SO many converts drift away from the Church and God's redemptive purpose? Hours of prayer, labor and tears are expended in bringing people to a decision for Christ and then they are neglected and forgotten once they are saved. The true test of evangelism is not how many we win to Christ but how many we are keeping. Earl Paulk. Jr., says in Workers' Training Course No. 4, page 102, "It is good to be able to tell the world the time of one's conversion, but it is more important to be able to tell of a present fellowship with God."

Jesus placed as much responsibility upon the disciples in holding as in winning converts. "I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." Over and over the Bible emphasizes the fact that believers are to grow in grace, "Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The responsibility of early growth of the convert is left to the church. Who of you would think of just telling a new-born babe to eat, find its own shelter and protection from the chilling winter's blast or the scorching of the summer's sun. Every effort is made by the parent to create an environment of warmth and security in which the child can grow to maturity. Yet, many expect the new convert to hustle for himself. On the farm we transplanted the young tender tomato plants from the warm atmosphere of the seed bed to the chilling winds. We used every precaution to protect the plants-prepared the soil, digged holes the proper depth, put just the right amount of water. When the cutworms were bad, we wrapped each plant with a piece of paper. If the weather was expected to get cold. out to the ole' fruit cellar we'd go and load the wagon with fruit jars to cover each individual plant for protection. This is not a lesson in agriculture, but I use this illustration to impress upon your mind some of the many precautions that are used to raise a little insignificant tomato plant, which cutworms can destroy in a night. Yet, for a tender convert which has an eternal soul, the church puts forth little effort, if any, to conserve it. May God help us to get our perspective right!

After a person has reached decision for Christ, the altar worker should have the convert fill out a follow-up card so the pastor and personal workers can visit him at an early date. The age-old expression is that if the new convert does not become active within thirty to sixty days, he will become a liability is true with many. Since there is very little Christianity outside an organized church, it behooves all pastors, evangelists, and Christian workers to impress upon the convert the privilege and blessing of water baptism and church membership. Some things make deep and lasting impressions upon our lives. The way an individual is received into the church will have a profound effect upon his later life. It also helps the church member to appreciate the church more if the receiving of members into the church is given a place of prominence.

As a general rule, churches have been more able to win than to converts. Several. should be done immediately to help hold the new convert. A wellplanned church activity must be under way for the young Christian within the first two weeks. He needs something specific to do at once and then a long-range plan for him to follow. General Marshall said, "If we do not give them something to do we can't blame them for going wrong." Plan an activity that will help him meet the members of the church that are about his age, who will assist him greatly

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The Bible Speaks on "Thirst of Soul"



Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.

JOHN 4:13, 14

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O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh iongeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.



Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.



And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whoso-ever will, let him take the water of life freely.

REV. 22:17



Advance the Line for '59

By RAY H. HUGHES
State Overseer of
Delaware, Maryland, and D. C.

LEE COLLEGE STUDENTS BECOME EVANGELISTS

The Evangelism Committee has been making an annual survey of Lee College ministerial students. A number of eager workers have been discovered and sent out to various states during the summer vacation—some into permanent work. Churches have been established, buildings erected, and wonderful revivals conducted. This gives our students a real opportunity for field work.

PIONEERS FOR CHRIST

The Pioneers for Christ move has proved to be one of the most wonderful means of starting new churches ever to be instituted. If Pioneers for Christ is continually kept before the people, it will help inspire them in new field ventures and cause them to realize their responsibility in outreach. Read in this issue the glowing report of Tennessee's Chapter of Pioneers for Christ. Watch for articles in following issues of the Evangel.

EVANGELISM INVASION

Fifty-three preachers from the stronger states will be engaged in special evangelistic services in the mission territories throughout the United States. Some of the stronger states and local churches are bearing the expenses of ministers to conduct these campaigns. We are looking forward to a glowing report of this invasion. Watch the Evangel for the results of these campaigns during 1959.

BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Evangelism Committee is working in conjunction with the National Sunday School and Youth Board for an accelerated branch Sunday School program. March was Branch Month. All of the Sunday Schools started in March will receive special encouragement from the Evangelism Committee and information on how to organize a new church. Don't wait until your church is large to branch. Grow in other towns and sections while the Mother Church is growing.

EVANGELIST FOR MISSION TERRITORIES

The matter of a full-time evangelist for mission territories is now being considered by the Executive Committee. If it is found to be feasible and finances are available, this program will be launched in the near future.

Several other items are under consideration for 1959. And as soon as they are developed we will share them with *Evangel* readers.

HE NATIONAL Evangelism Committee has entered the year of 1959 with plans for greater evangelistic outreach. During the fall the Evangelism Committee will be staging three evangelism conferences in small, medium and large states, selected by the Executive Committee. The purposes of these conferences are to deal with every form of evangelism, to determine our evangelistic problems, and to present a solution for them. These conferences will also be arranged to inspire as well as to inform. It is the desire of the Evangelism Committee that each state will conduct such a conference with state leadership during 1959. By conducting conferences on the three levels aforementioned, the Evangelism Committee will be better equipped to help plan conferences of this nature throughout the church.

TRACT EVANGELISM

The Publishing House has recently printed one-half million free tracts to accelerate our tract evangelism program. This is the type of evangelism in which almost anyone can participate. If your church will order a track from the Church of God Publishing House, they will keep it supplied free of charge.





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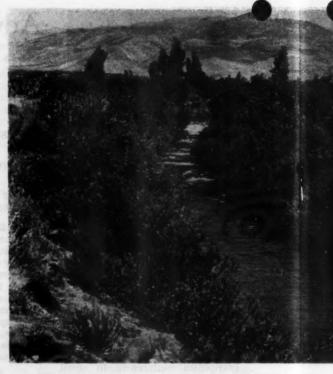
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SIX of these men are going to enjoy a "trip of a lifetime" and youth director be the ones to go by securing subscription.

One of the sights to be seen in Palestine is in upper Galittle indication of its actual importance in current Middle Easin the Jordan Valley could help resettle 200,000 Arab refugees peace. At present, the Jordan River flows unused into the Dec



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of a lifetime" to Palestine. You can help your state overseering subscriptions to the Evangel, Lighted Pathway and other

s in upper Galilee. As this photo shows, the Jordan River gives ent Middle East affairs. Yet use of these waters to irrigate land Arab refugees, so removing a major obstacle to Arab-Israel i into the Dead Sea.



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Pioneers for Christ Report From Tennessee

By W. C. BYRD State Overseer, Tennessee

OR THE PAST two years. Pioneers for Christ has been tried in Tennessee. It was launched at the prayer conference in Knoxville two years ago. No great effort to pressure anyone to become a member has been made. Wherever Pioneers for Christ was presented, a few enlisted in this great work voluntarily. The results are overwhelming. In this two-year period, 19 new churches have been organized and all but two have their own building to worship in or are in the process of building as I write this report. When we considered using the Pioneers for Christ in Tennessee, the main goal was to strengthen our work in Middle and West Tennessee. The majority of these 19 new works were organized in these two areas of our State. Tennesseeans now realize that this new arm of the church will produce results surpassing anything ever tried in the establishing of new churches in Middle and Western Tennessee.

Even though the results achieved by the small number of men, women, and children who enlisted and supported Pioneers for Christ in our State was most gratifying, one wonders what the number of new churches would have been if all our nearly 15,000 members had enlisted their prayers, witness, and support. I fully believe some 40 new churches would have been the figure. There were places we tried and failed because there was not enough strength to set a church in order. We are hoping, however, that the seed sown will result in a work for God before the General Assembly. Those of us who gave and supported this home mission plan are convinced it could be the answer to a much needed home mission department, operated on general, state, and local level.

The Bible records the sacrifices of some who gave to God of that which they had, in order to meet the need of the hour. All are thrilled when reading of the lad who gave the loaves and fish to Christ who in turn fed the multitude with them. Inspiring is the act of Mary, who gave her precious ointment to anoint the body of Christ, out of a heart of love. Christ assured the disciples the colt would be given by its owner if he only knew the Master had need of it. These three gladly gave what they had to meet the need of the day.

Church of God people across the nation can be Pioneers for Christ members and, by giving their prayers, testimonies, and temporal means each month, can meet a need to expand our work. It is up to us. Will we fail in such an hour as this? May God speak to all who read this brief report. How we need to put what we have to work for Christ. It can be done through Pioneers for Christ, The plan has been given. We can make it work and reach many lives not being touched by our church. Our response to this challenge is most important. It could alter the destiny of eternity-bound souls. Amen.

EVANGELISTIC PREACHING AND ALTAR APPEAL

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Invitation or Altar Call

THIS MUST be done at the right time and in the proper manner for sure, if it is to be successful. Many times the evangelist will preach the unsaved under conviction, and by not stopping at the right time, he will preach them from under conviction. Then they will not be moved. This is the case many times. How sad! Remember the great evangelist I mentioned earlier in the article, how short he preached, but oh! how successful he was. It may be just when the evangelist has begun speaking that the Spirit of God will come down. If so, he should stop then and give an altar call, for it is only the working of God's Spirit that can and will convict the unsaved. The minister must convince the unsaved of his unwavering compassion for them, or he cannot help them. There are different ways and methods to invite the unsaved to accept Christ. The evangelist may simply say to them, "Come down to the altar for prayer." Some will respond if they are properly convicted. Or he may ask all to bow their heads and close their eyes, then continue by asking those who desire prayer to lift their hands. Then say, "Would you please step out and come down here so we may pray with you." This works many times. Or the evangelist or some saint may go to individuals and plead with them personally to come. Many times this is effective. The secret is to get them to make some kind of a move. When once they start, they have broken away from Satan's power, and then it is much easier for them from then on.

A very important and necessary thing is to have special assigned, trained altar workers ready to go to the altar with the seekers (men with men and women with women) to help them by praying with them and encouraging them by reading or quoting appropriate Scriptures such as John 6:37, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out;" Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved;" Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved:" and 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness: but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." There are many more appropriate Scriptures that can be found; these are but examples.

While the altar call is going on, there should be much prayer and reverence. All Christians should be praying in all sincerity, for souls are at stake that may never be convicted again. ("My spirit shall not always strive with man.") Then to hell they will go to be lost forever and their blood could be upon some unconcerned Christian. What an awful thought! Paul said, "I am pure from the blood of all men." For he pled with men with all sincerity and gave up all things that he might win at least some.

God intended for all his children to be soul-winners. "He that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3). "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The Lord has anointed us, therefore, for the purpose of witnessing for Him unto the uttermost parts of the earth for the salvation of the lost that will live eternally somewhere.

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ever been. We must unconditionally surrender our wills to Him. Our people must RALLY. The members must rally behind their pastor in any revival effort. They must tell others, pray, give and work if the campaign is to be successful.

REVIVAL PREPARATION DEMANDS A PRAYER APPROACH. Most people talk about
prayer as though it is everything
and treat it as though it is nothing.
Prayer is not getting ready for the
battle; prayer is the battle. Without prayer there can be no revival. PRIVATE PRAYER is neces-

sary. In England a bedridden saint of God prayed until God brought Moody from America to England, then prayed until hundreds of souls were saved in her church. Charles G. Finney tells how Abel Clary followed him in revival meetings and prayed, often not attending services, but waiting and weeping before God for His power. Father Nash also was moved to pray mightily for the Finney revivals. God will kick the hinges and doors off of the storehouse of heaven to grant the private petitions of one of His patrons. PUBLIC PRAYER is necessary. Dr. R. A. Torrey tells how a few young men met night after night and prayed until the revival of 1905 came in Wales, with Dr. Torrey leading. In that revival about one hundred thousand souls were won to Christ. Others will remember the haystack prayer meeting where some college students prayed in the lee of the haystack in the rain and started much of the missionary movement. There can be many approaches to the pre-revival public prayer effort. There can be UNIFIED PRAYER with a mimeographed program in each home. The program could include a Scripture reading, prayer thought for the day. requests, etc. There could be PRAYER GROUPS. Cottage prayer meetings could be organized to carry out an extensive program throughout your church. There could be MASS PRAYER MEET-INGS-one special prayer night a week at the church for 5 or 6 weeks before the revival begins or a week of nothing but prayer each night at the church for the revival. There could be SPECIAL PRAYER EF-FORTS. Many possibilities are here: men's prayer meetings. ladies' prayer meetings, youth prayer groups, Sunday School members meeting in their classrooms and praying for the lost of their class, and a 24-hour chain of prayer. In Columbia, South Carolina, some 300 prayer meetings preceeded Billy Graham's campaign. PASSIONATE PRAYER is necessary. Effectual, fervent prayer on the part of the church brings about spiritual childbirth. The spiritual groaning and physical

travail of Christians always results in a passion for souls.

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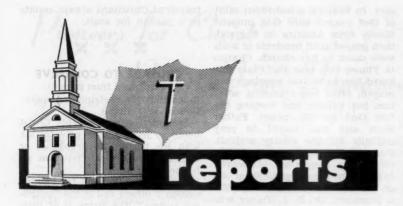
Each person who accepts Christ needs to have a long private talk with his pastor. No evangelist or Christian worker can tell him all he needs to know.

Some churches adopt the "buddy system"; others call it the "guardian system." The name is of little consequence, but the system is very important. Have someone in your church to take the new convert into his custody and see that he is given something to do. Each convert must be instructed to read the Bible daily and along with the instruction, he should be given a simple plan of Bible study to follow. God speaks to us through His Word while we speak to Him through the medium of prayer. There is nothing that will encourage the person who has found the new life like daily communion with his heavenly Father.

Young converts have a tendency to believe everything that is told them when they are first saved. Many lose out with God when they see and hear some of the inconsistencies which supposedly Christian people say and do. Robert G. Ingersoll was the son of a minister and he said it was the things he observed among religious folk that led him to turn from the church and become an infidel. Our sons and daughters may not become "confirmed infidels," but the tragedy is that many leave the front doors of our churches never to return. We must win and hold this generation for Christ!

One of the strongest testimonies of the church is when a convert rises from its altar and goes to win his friends for Christ. The new convert must be taught not only to witness but also how to witness for Christ.

The challenge of the church today is: "Ye should go and bring forth fruit . . . your fruit should remain."



Sulphur Springs Has Installation Service



Sunday morning, December 28, at 11:00 o'clock there was a Sunday School Installation Service for the Sunday School officials and teachers. The officials and teachers marched into the choir; after a short devotion, the morning message was directed to the responsibility of each Sunday School worker. Then Brother Morris had the group come and stand before the altar and repeat after him a pledge to the Sunday School and the Church. The State Sunday School and Youth Director made com-

ments and offered the installation prayer.

On the front row, third from the left is Brother Frank Johnson, General Superintendent; to his right is Brother Richard Clower, Assistant General Superintendent; to Brother Clower's right is the pastor, William F. Morris. To the extreme right of the picture is our State Sunday School and Youth Director for the State of Florida, Rev. Donald S. Aultman.

-Donald S. Aultman, reporter.

Arkansas State Bible and Prayer Conference

The Arkansas State Bible and Prayer Conference convened at Jonesboro, Arkansas, on January 19 and 20, 1959. The air seemed to be charged with the power of God from the very beginning. The theme, "INVASION—NOT EVASION" was striking and appropriate for this hour. Every message was slanted in that direction. Much time and prayer had been given to the preparation of the program, for there was not one lost minute throughout the entire prayer conference. Much credit for this, of course, should be given to our very efficient and much loved State Overseer, Rev. Brady Dennis. The Lord set His approval upon the meeting from the very first song to the last amen.

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We felt that we were very fortunate to have as guest speakers our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, and Overseer of Mississippi, Rev. Wade H. Horton. Brother Paulk brought the message the first night, using for a text Numbers 13:30: "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." This was well in keeping with our theme, "INVASION—NOT EVASION." The Holy Ghost so marvelously used him to stir us (the ministry and laity allke (to realize that there is yet much land to possess. In his message, he told of some of his great experiences when God had stood by him; it made us feel that we, too, could do more than ever before to invade Arkansas for God.

The next morning was filled with good things from the Lord. Our own ministers from the State of Arkansas so ably, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, spoke on their assigned subjects, which added much to the prayer conference. Also in the morning service we were privileged to hear one of our own Church of God programs—"FORWARD IN FAITH"—by tape recording. The people of Arkansas are not able to receive the programs at this time. This recording moved the hearts of our people to see what we can do about getting this program on some powerful radio station in our state.

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The afternoon services were also filled with good things. The Spirit of God was there in such a marvelous way. Again we had some of our own Arkansas ministers on the program, and they added much to the services. The apex of the afternoon services was a masterpiece from Rev. Wade H. Horton, Overseer of Mississippi. Using for his subject, "Evangelism Motivation," he, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, literally brought tears streaming down our cheeks,

stirred our souls and made us feel the need of seeking God's face in prayer until we have had a repetition of Pentecost.

The meals served by the local church's L.W.W.B. were great. Brother C. E. Sturch, along with his good people, worked very hard to make it a pleasant stay for all

of us; to them we owe a great big "THANK YOU."

The services climaxed with a wonderful message from our es-teemed Assistant General Overseer, Brother Paulk.

After the benediction, many said, "Surely this was the best prayer conference that we have ever had." I feel that the ministers and laymen who were privileged to attend left the meeting with a greater determination than ever before to go back home and invade Arkansas for God and His great church.—Carl E. Cody, reporter.

Missouri Prayer Conference, Over but Not Forgotten

The weather was the same as it has been for a Missouri prayer conference for the past four years onterence for the past four years—snow, thaw, freeze, and icing of roads. This made travel very hazardous. Yet, once we arrived at the host church, 4410 E. 10th St., Kansas City, Mo., we knew the welcoming sentiments were present. The aroma coming from the kitchen told us that the faithful laddes en told us that the faithful ladies of the Kansas City Church were preparing the evening meal. After having traveled over the slippery ice and having our nerves keyed up, it was relaxing to eat and fellow-ship with local friends and fellowlaborers who had come to attend this meeting.

Long before starting time, the church was packed, and one would not have thought at this moment that the majority of those in attendance had seemingly left cau-tion to come to this prayer con-ference. They were veterans at this business of braving stormy weath-

February 3 and 4 are two days which I shall remember for a long which I shall remember for a long time to come. The service started promptly at 7:30 p.m. under the genial and talented leadership of our state overseer. Brother Stallings was always his amiable best—whether talking to a friend, helping solve a fellow-minister's problem, singing, or directing the smoothness of the service schedule. ule.

The singspiration was directed by The singspiration was directed by Bill Heron, who led the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus." From the first verse, the presence of the Lord was feit in a great way. Brother John Holloway, the host pastor, made us feel all the more welcome. more welcome.

If anyone had been feeling despondent over the weather or his problems, the singing of "Lift Me Up Above the Shadows" placed him on a higher plane. The enthusiasm was great by this time. If any others had not been lifted up by the end of the second song, surely they must have been after the reading of God's Word. Brother A. M. Dor-man's devotion lifted us from our fears with the reading of Psalm 27. By the time he climaxed the reading of verse 14, we were ready to follow the Psalmist's exhortation to follow the Psalmist's exhortation of "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Prevailing prayer was made to God for all who gave in their requests. Again we were asking God to bless this prayer conference. Rev. Charles Tilley, Overseer of Kansas, blessed our hearts with the song, "How Great Thou Art."

Our Headquarters representative, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Assistant General Overseer, was, as always, at his best. His message Tuesday night on "Prayer" was one of the greatest I have ever heard. Chal-lenged by this message, we were made to realize what prayer will do and to know that we must meet the conditions involved if we expect to gain the benefits of prayer. We were made to recognize that it is not the long prayer but the ef-fectual fervent one which brings an answer.

Wednesday morning began with the same wonderful spirit of wor-ship which we had witnessed the day before. Johnny Warren, State Sunday School and Youth Director, brought a challenging message on "What Is Revival." We were told that it is not an evangelistic cam-paign. We do not hold a revival. A paign. We do not note a revival, or revival begins with the people of God. It is a force of the Spirit of God. Revival implies a new life. The French verb "vivre" means to live or to have life. The prefix "re" implies a recurrence or return. So revival means to bring to life again. To revive implies that the person must first have life before he can be brought back to life. A he can be brought back to life. A fire must first have kindled before it can be re-kindled. A fire which has gone out cannot be re-kindled for there is no more fire there. Thus it is with a Christian; he must have some spiritual life in order for that life to be re-vived. If that spiritual fire is out, a new If that spiritual fire is out, a new fire must be kindled, and this comes through evangelism. Conviction, by the Spirit, draws the sinner or turns the backslider, but revival is the force of God which re-kindles the spiritual. As Brother Warren told us, "A revival is the result of the price paid."

Also, the same morning, our lives were challenged by another mes-

sage from Brother Paulk on pastoral evangelism.

On Wednesday afternoon Brother Tilley, Overseer of Kansas, showed with the power of the Scriptures the association of "Home and Personal Evangelism." His text in Proverbs 22:6 showed that evangelism must start in the home. Home is a must start in the home. Home is a father's kingdom, a mother's world, and a child's paradise. It is obvious that the home is important. It is more than just four walls. A home is where Christ is supreme. Jesus grew intellectually, physically, and spiritually. It is true that the spiritual aspect is most often forgotten Brother Tilley stated that we train our youth, but God helps us to save our youth. When we observe the statistics regarding the saving of youth, we realize a the saving of youth, we realize a great need of doing all we can to save them. Of the children reared in the home where both parents are Christians, 66 per cent of the children are Christians. Where only one parent is a Christian, only one child out of a thousand turns to God and is saved. My! what a challenge to do more in winning the youth while they are young. No wonder Solomon said, "Train up a

The final service came all too soon. Between the fine congregational and special singing was sandwiched many good things. Brother Paulk took time to explain Brother Paulk took time to explain the benefits of Pioneers for Christ. More than 30 persons responded with their pledges to help in this worthy cause. The message on "The Return of the Lord" by Brother Paulk brought to my hearing the same message I heard 25 years ago when I was a child. His stateago when I was a child. His state-ment, that this message is not preached as often now as in the past, makes us know the coming past, makes us know the coming of the Lord is at hand. The challenge to us was this: If we are ready, we can say as John in Revelation 22:20, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." The same spirit of prayer, praise, and worship was present as it had been during all the prior services. Amid the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," handshakes, tears and "God bless you," the ministers left for home.

As the disciples heard Jesus as

As the disciples heard Jesus expound unto them replied, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scrip-tures," our ministers said, "This was the greatest prayer conference Missouri has ever had." This statement came from Brother A. M. Dorman who has worked seventeen years in Missouri for God and His church. I have been in Missouri less than three years. Yet, I will agree with Brother Dorman that it was one of the best prayer conferences I have ever attended.

—Wayne Heil, reporter



ASH

Rev. Forest Sylvester Ash, age Rev. Forest Sylvester Ash, age 67, slipped away to be with Jesus at his home, 907 Benton Street, Johnston City, Illinois, on March 8, 1959, at 3:50 pm. Rev. Ash was born September 12, 1891, at Shelby-ville, Illinois. He married Pearl Nel-son in 1912 and to this union 10 children were born, six of whom survive. His wife, Pearl, and 4 chil-dren preceded him in death. In 1946 he married Gladys Berger of

Robinson, Illinois.

Brother Ash was saved and sanc-tified in 1925 and 2 years later received the Holy Ghost. he began preaching in 1929 and has pastored churches in Illinois, Montana, and Wisconsin. He served as state evangelist for the State of Montana in 1946 and later pastored churches at Big Timber and Missoula. He was pastoring at Johnston City, Illinois, until 2 and one half years ago when he had to resign because of ill health. He always had a pleasant smile and made many friends. He will be missed by many friends and loved ones, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. F. A. Larkin of Olney, Illinois, assisted by Rev. Edward Carraway of Lawrenceville at the Church of God. He was laid to rest at St.

Francisville, Illinois.

-Mrs. Lois M. Jent, reporter

HEASTIE (Colored)

Mrs. Thelma Heastie, daughter of the late Mr. Gold Hill and Mrs. Fannie Hill, was born December 11, 1900, in Dockety County, Albany, Georgia. While a young woman, she lived in the city of Miami, Florida, and later in Yamato, where she received salvation. Miami, Florida, and later in Yamato, where she received salvation under the ministry of Brother Arthur Tynes of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In 1927, she met and married Mr. N. S. Heastie and became a great missionary for God. In the year 1937, they left Yamato, Florida, and moved to New York City and then to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where her faithful services continued until February 8, 1959, when the death angel visited her as she was sitting in a ed her as she was sitting in a chair at the table.

Her remains was shipped to Del-ray Beach, Florida, where funeral arrangements were made. The arrangements were made. The service was moderated by Rev. George A. Wallace and Rev. J. T. Roberts. Our overseer was present and expressed sympathy, giving words of comfort. Sister Heastle was laid to rest in the Delray Beach cemetery to await the coming of the Lord. —J. T. Roberts, overseer

HOWARD

Death came suddenly on October Death came suddenly on October 21, 1958, to Mr. F. G. Howard who was a very good friend to the Church of God. He was a devoted Sunday School member and a great help to the church financially. He died suddenly at the age of 42. His died suddenly at the age of 42. His funeral was conducted at the Baxley Church of God by the Rev. G. A. Lewis, his former pastor and assisted by Rev. O. V. Brown. His wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons, and a host of friends mourn his passing. Sister Howard is a faithful member of the Big Oaks Church.

—Rev. G. A. Lewis, reporter

MOONEY

Reverend Jessie C. Mooney, known to his many friends of Letcher County and the surrounding territory as "Preacher Mooney," was born in Soddy, Tennessee, on March 22, 1879. He departed this life on February 13th, 1959, his stay being on this earth, 79 years, 10 months and 21 days.

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Brother Mooney came to Kentucky in 1913 settling in Perry County; and then, in 1932 he came to Thorton, Kentucky. Rev. Mooney has been a faithful follower of his Master for the past 50 years. He has gone far and near preaching to his fellow man and helping those to his fellow man and helping those

to his fellow man and helping those who were in need. It can truly be said that Brother Mooney was a faithful follower of his Lord. Brother Mooney is survived by his wife and the following children: John Mooney, Jackson, Kentucky; Francis Mooney, Jackson, Kentucky; Fred Mooney, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Ruth Clair, Bradshaw, West Virginia; Mrs. Pauline Ross of Chicago, Illinois; and Mrs. Janice Owens of Richmond, Indiana. One

step-son, Herbert Holland, Rossville, Georgia; 1 sister, Mrs. Nora Smart of Kansas City, Missouri; 35 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. -Mrs. Ruth Kiser, clerk

DAVIS

Mack Houston Davis was born March 3, 1881, and departed this life February 11, 1959. On April 23, 1909, he was united in marriage with Mamie Viola Lewis and to this union were born 4 children. On January 9, 1922, his wife preceeded him in death. Leaving to mourn his departure are 2 sons, C. B. Davis and Evert Davis; 2 daughters, Davis and Evert Davis; 2 daughters, Mrs. Epsie Barnett and Mrs. Iva Brown; 4 brothers, 1 sister, 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. In the year of 1937 he was saved, sanctified and filled with the Church of God in Graham, Texas, and was one of the outstanding members of the church until his death. In prayer meeting Brother Davis stood up and gave his testimony and was thanking the Lord for the sweet Holy Ghost and telling about the New Jeruand telling about the New Jerusalem, the new heaven, and the new earth. While he was testifying, the death angel came and took him away. He fell to his seat, and by the time we got to him, he was gone. His funeral was in the Church of God in Graham, Texas, with Rev. Ray T. Hill and E. W. Carden officiating.

—E. W. Carden, pastor

WILHITE

Mrs. Stella Elizabeth Wilhite was born in Washington County, Arkansas, July 24, 1891, and departed this life at her home near Jenkins, Missouri, on January 14, 1959, at the age of 67 years, 5 months, and 21 days. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baird.
On January 13, 1907, she was united in marriage to Walter Wilhite at Odell, Arkansas. To this union 10 children were born of which 3 preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are her hus-

which 3 preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are her hus-band, Rev. Walter Wilhite; 3 daugh-ters, Mrs. Mary Faulkner, Mrs. Meda Call, and Mrs. Emma Ever-right; 4 sons, Edward, Farris, Paul, and Leon; 22 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers, 5 sisters, a number of nieces and nephews, and other relatives and a host of friends.

She was converted August 1, 1922 and in July, 1938, she was united with the Church of God. She was a loving wife and mother who will sadly be missed by all her family and friends.

—Reporter



He Healeth All Manner of Diseases

BAKEWELL, Tenn.—I have just a few words of testimony for what God has done for me. I had been suffering for many years with an ailment that required surgery. Last week I suffered so much I could hardly stand it. I began to talk to the Lord. On Friday night when I lay awake suffering, it seemed that God was so close and real. I told Him if He would heal my body I would send my testimony to the Evangel and witness to others. He spoke to me, it seemed, and told me to fast for three days. I obeyed His voice and, thank God, I feel so good. I just want to praise His wonderful holy name forever. God has been so good to me. He has healed me of low blood and of many other things. I would like to recommend Him to anyone that needs a Saviour, Healer, Holy-Ghost Baptizer. Praise God, He is the great Physician that healeth all manner of diseases. If you are discouraged let me urge you to look to Jesus, the Supplier of every need and our soon-coming King.

Please pray for my family.

—Helen Vandergriff

Baby Healed Through Prayer

FRIENDSHIP, Tenn.—I want to praise God for touching my baby's body. One night, about 2 months ago, she was sick and couldn't sleep. I promised the good Lord if He would touch her body I would send my testimony to the Evangel. I neglected it until 3 nights ago when she was sick again. At church when the members prayed for her when she was sick again. At church when the members prayed for her, she got up and started playing. I realized I had neglected the promise I made to God. Please pray for me and for our home. Also pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost. I want to be faithful to God at all times.

—Mrs. Aline Russom

"With His Stripes We Are Healed"

WICHITA, Kans.—I want to testify through the *Evangel* of God's healing power. He healed me again about 6 weeks ago of what we believed to have been cancer. I had been suffering for some time. I did not go to the doctor because I was convinced that it was the same affliction I had had before. One night about 12 o'clock, I call-One night about 12 o'clock, I called Oral Robert's prayer band at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The office girl said, "We will pray now for your healing. Brother Roberts will be in tomorrow and he will pray a special prayer for you." Somebody's faith reached God for I am healed. Oh, if I had ten thousand tongues with which to praise Him.

I could not praise Him enough for His love and healing power.

I had often wondered why Jesus had to suffer so many things behad to suffer so many things before He went to the cross. I could
see and understand His giving His
life on the cross, but why all the
other suffering. One day when I
was praying, this Scripture came
to my mind—Psalms 103:3, "Who
forgiveth all thine iniquities; who
healeth all thy diseases." I said
then, "God, it takes the same faith
to be healed as it did to save my
soul." "But he was wounded for
our transgressions, he was bruised our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5.) He was bruised and suffered the stripes for our healing. What a good God! Bless His -Leona M. Glover

Healed of Nervous Condition

COMMERCE, Ga.—For sometime now the Lord has been laying it on my heart to send my testimony to the Evangel. I had been under medical care for about 12 or 14 years with what the doctors said was epilepsy. Then about 2 years ago I had a nervous breakdown and the doctor that had my case gave it up. I was being fed through my veins and they were giving me shots to make me sleep. When I would have those nervous spells I would think I was dying. But I would think I was dying. But praise God, one day when I turned to my Saviour He healed me of all this. I knew the Lord was able to heal me. My husband and I were planning to go see Brother Oral Roberts. Our pastor, Brother Whitfield, had just come to pastor the Church of God at Carnesville where I was a member. When we told him our plans he said, "The same God that is where Brother Roberts is, is right here too." So instead of going to see Brother Roberts I spent the week end with Brother and Sister Whitfield. Glory to God He healed me and I received the Holy Ghost, too. I thank the Lord for all His many bless-

Pray that my life will be a light for my Saviour. -Mrs. Robert Westbrook

Trusting God for Healing

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—I truly want to praise God for all His blessings and His wonderful healing power. He has healed me instantly many times. I have a cancer in the corner of my eye. It seemed I just couldn't get victory for it, so I promised God I would send my testimony to the Evangel and I believe He will completely heal med to the transfer of the series of heal me. I do want my life to be a light to others. I know God cares for me. -Mary Prindle

Christ Is Coming Soon

OGDEN, Utah—I would like to praise God for what He has done for me. He gloriously healed my throat of a coughing and bleeding and healed my voice so I could sing once more. I then joined the Church of God in Potosi, Missouri. Since that time I have tried my best to live for Jesus and do His will For several months I have His will. For several months I have felt the urge to tell people to get ready for the Lord is coming soon. About a month ago I had a dream or a vision that showed me the swiftness of the Lord's coming. I am sure that no one knows when Jesus is coming, but I do know that He is coming and I truly feel that it will be real soon. If you don't know Jesus as your Saviour, don't wait another day. Give your heart to Him right where you are. He wants to save you. Please turn to the Christ of calvary before it is too late.

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